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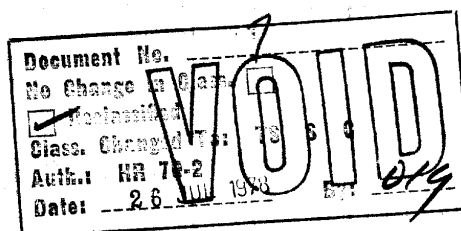
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1. A Japanese soldier in Mampojin, North Korea, in early December 1950 stated that he was a member of the 37 Division, 4 Field Army (sic),* to which he had been assigned earlier (at an undetermined date). He had been in the army** for four years. His unit*** had marched to the border of Indochina and thence to Hankow, where it was stationed for a while. In September 1950, it had been transferred from Hankow to Korea.
2. Soldiers of the division**** were given lectures each day on the world situation. Aside from the lectures, they received no other information on world affairs. The gist of these lectures as of December 1950 was as follows:
 - a. The Chinese Communist 2 Field Army***** had landed in the Pusan and Mokpo areas and most of South Korea with the exception of the Seoul area had been "liberated".
 - b. General MacArthur had been demoted to chief of civil administration in Japan for failure in carrying on the Korean war successfully and in controlling the Japanese. His story was also reported on posters in North Korea.
 - c. The Japanese had arisen in Shikoku and Kyushu, causing the withdrawal of American forces from Japan (sic).
3. Most of the Japanese troops in the Chinese Communist armies have not become Communists. Their feelings and desire to return home are illustrated by the following song, which is being sung by these Japanese:

"Getting dark today, too,
On a hill of a strange country.
Comrades, you should be pained;
You should be hurt.
Wait patiently--
After the storm passes,
We may have a try, going back home--
Spring may be back



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"Day after day,
 On a hill of a strange country,
 Snowy and heavy sky;
 Gloomy the sun, too.
 Don't fall down
 In a strange country
 Up to the time to (go back home)
 Up to the day."

This song was said to have originated in a Soviet prisoner-of-war camp.

- 25X1X * Comment. The 37 Division, 13 Army, is nominally part of the 2 Field Army rather than the 4 Field Army. The 13 Army is still being carried in the Yunnan-Kwangsi-Indochina border area. Possibly individual soldiers from the 37 Division were sent to Korea to join troops of the 4 Field Army. See [REDACTED]
- 25X1X ** Comment. That is, presumably the Chinese Communist army. 25X1A
- 25X1X *** Comment. Possibly the 37 Division is meant here, although it was not stated.
- 25X1X **** Comment. The word "division" used here presumably refers to 37 Division troops in Korea. The fact that those troops in Korea were being given information on the 2 Field Army suggests that they had not been reorganized at the time they entered Korea.

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